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FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

A PLACE TO RUN FREE OFF-LEASH AREA BRINGS PEOPLE

AND PETS TOGETHER

between Nesbitt and Hampshire Avenues has rolling hills, trees, a shady picnic area and even a small pond. It also has dogs - lots and lots of dogs. That's because the land, a site for expansion of the water treatment plant, was designated as an off-leash dog exercise area in 2000.

According to Parks and Recreation Assistant Manager Greg Boatman, the off-leash area has become extremely

popular, especially since the recent updates. As a result

of public input, the City worked with residents to make improvements to the site, including adding a new fence and entrance, small dog area, updated signage and wood chips for a path.

"This was a joint effort between the dog owners and the City,"

Boatman said. "Users of the space really take care of it. They hold

'cleanup' days, rake out the wood chips for the path and

provide water for all the dogs."

"It's really the dog owners who have formed a community to maintain the space and keep it a nice, healthy place for both humans and dogs," Boatman said.

In the future, if the property needs to be used for its original purpose to meet water treatment needs, the City will explore other locations for an off-leash dog area.



PUT SOME JAZZ IN YOUR LIFE

NE OF THE PREMIER JAZZ EVENTS IN THE STATE, the Bloomington Jazz Festival will be held Sunday, August 9, 2:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th Street and Chalet Road. Vic Volare and the Volare Lounge Orchestra opens the festival at 2:30 p.m. The Christine Rosholt Quintet, featuring some of the best jazz vocals around will take the stage at 3:50 p.m. Headlining the festival at 5:50 p.m. will be the big sounds of the George Maurer Jazz Group, a regular at such venues as the Dakota Jazz Club.

Free parking is available in the Normandale Tower Office ramps across 84th Street or to the east on Chalet Road. As always, this is a free event.

CENTER FOR THE ARTS

at the corner of West 98th Street and Old Shakopee Road, the Center for the Arts is a first-class facility housing seven arts organizations. For facility information, call 952-563-8889. For exhibit information and events, visit www.bloomingtonartcenter.com and click on Exhibitions, or call 952-563-8567.

EXHIBITIONS

Hours: M - F 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Sa 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Su 1 - 10 p.m.

INEZ GREENBERG GALLERY

Mapworks, featuring unique views of significant Minnesota landmarks by artist Erik Sletten, runs through September 11. Artists' reception is August 7, 6 - 8 p.m.



Stillwater by Erik Sletten.

Highlights and Shadows, a juried exhibition of the Society of Minnesota Sculptors, runs **September 18 - October 16**. Artists' reception is September 18, 6 - 8 p.m.

ATRIUM GALLERY

Memories in Wood, featuring inspiring works by artist Lyle Fitzgerald, runs **through September 18**.

Ripples and Reflections: Views of the River, featuring artists from the Minnesota Watercolor Society, runs September 24 - November 13. Artists' reception is October 8, 6 - 8 p.m.



Down by the River by Catherine Hearding.

BLACK BOX THEATER

WATERS: A FUSION OF MUSIC, DANCE AND SPOKEN WORD

Presented by Bloomington Art
Center, the event explores water as a
powerful life source in its many forms.
Featuring original works by Minnesota
authors and composers, Water: A
Fusion of Music, Dance and Spoken
Word, runs September 11 and 12,7:30
p.m. and September 13, 2 p.m. Tickets
are \$18 adults; \$14 students and seniors.

BLOOMINGTON CIVIC THEATRE

Thoroughly Modern Millie, featuring music directer Anita Ruth and Emmy Award-winning choreographer Linda Talcott, runs August 14 - September 13.

ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE!



THE ADAPTIVE RECREATION & Learning Exchange (AR&LE) provides opportunities for individuals with disabilities living in Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina and Richfield to participate in recreational and educational programs that are specially designed to meet varied ability levels. For more information, call Parks and Recreation.

ADULT AND YOUTH SPORTS

WOMEN'S AND CO-REC VOLLEYBALL

LAGUES ARE HELD Monday through Thursday, beginning in October, and continuing through mid-December. Cost is \$240 resident and \$295 nonresident. For more information, call Parks and Recreation.



SPORTS HALL OF FAME

ACH YEAR, the Bloomington Athletic

Association inducts one or more persons into the Sports Hall of Fame. The award honors men and women who have contributed their time and energy to the growth of amateur sports.



When: Thursday, October 8.
Where: Knights of Columbus Hall,

1114 W. 79th St.

For more information, call Dan Wallerus at 952-884-6675.